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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 1055

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, CZ, US
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXTENSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT

REFS A. STATE 092820 (NOTAL), (B) PRAGUE 1025

1. REF A, WHICH EMBASSY RECEIVED APRIL 26, WAS APPARENTLY DRAFTED BEFORE DEPARTMENT SAW REF B, WHICH WE SENT APRIL 22. REF B PROVIDES ANSWERS TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED REF A AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THREE CONCRETE POINTS (SUB-PARAGRAPHS 3B, 3C AND 3E) RAISED BY MFA. INFORMATION WHICH REF A ATTRIBUTES TO PANAM WAS NO DOUBT BASED ON BRIEFING EMBASSY GAVE LOCAL PANAM REP ON OUR APRIL 21 MEETING WITH ZEMLA.

2. FOLLOWING COMMENTS SHOULD HELP CLARIFY SITUATION. FIRST, WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCAL PANAM REP THAT APRIL 24 INAUGURAL FLIGHT WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS ONLY ON SYRIAN END, NOT ON CZECHOSLOVAK END AS WELL, AS REF A IMPLIES. SECOND, AS EXPLAINED SUB-PARAS 3C AND 3D OF REF B, GOC ASSURES US THEY WILL GRANT TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN PRAGUE AND DAMASCUS ONCE OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT ARE SETTLED. THIRD, RE REF A PARA FIVE INSTRUCTION THAT EMBASSY SHOULD "ADMONISH" GOC FOR LONG DELAY IN AGREEING TO EXTENSION OF BILATERAL, WE FEEL IT FAR WISER TO AVOID BLAMING CZECHOSLOVAKS FOR THIS
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REGRETABLE DELAY SINCE U.S. SIDE IS HARDLY BLAMELESS IN THIS REGARD. ADMONISHMENT ON OUR PART WOULD NOT HELP RESOLVE REMAINING ISSUES. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, WE PROPOSE TO REMIND GOC-WHATEVER OUR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE-THAT INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN PREJUDICED BY LONG DELAY AND TO REQUEST AGAIN GOC'S COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF THIS MATTER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ON HOW EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY TO ZEMLA, SPECIFICALLY ON POINTS
3B, 3C AND 3E OF REF B.
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